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DISINVESTMENT POLICY IN THE PSUS TO DEPRIVE SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment policy in the PSUs would deprive the weaker sectionsof the society including SCs/STs of the social securities provided through the reservation scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider bringing a new legislation making mandatory the continuation of reservation schemes in the divested units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) Government is committed to protect the interests of all the workers including those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In the case of strategic sales, the interests of the workers are protected by incorporating suitable provisions in the Transaction Agreements, signed at the time of disinvestments. The recital of the Agreement state that the strategic partner recognizes that the Government in relation to its employment policies follows certain principles for the benefit of the members of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes, physically handicapped persons and other sociallydisadvantaged sections of the society and that the strategic partner shall use its best efforts to cause the Company to provide adequate job opportunities for such persons, Further, in the event of any reduction in the strength of the employees of the Company, the strategic partner shall use its best efforts to ensure that Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are retrenched at the end.

(c)& (d) It would not be possible to introduce reservation in private sector without the cooperation of that sector. The representative organizations in the private sector support empowerment of disadvantaged groups by way of promoting human capital formation and entrepreneurship among the SCs, STs.